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Testimony to Honolulu City Council

From: Karen Ginoza, FACE Oahu President

Subject: Support for Bill 20 and 21

Chair Ernest Martin and members of the Honolulu City Council, thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of bills 20 and 21. **FACE**, *Faith Action for Community Equity*, is a faith-based community organizing group whose mission is to give a voice to the underserved who don't know they have a voice.

Honolulu is experiencing a housing crisis of enormous proportions. Estimates state that Honolulu is short 20,000 living units for the folks that are already living here. The luxury condos going up in Kakaako will not serve our local people.

We appreciate the council consideration of the accessory dwelling units as alternatives to affordable housing. FACE commissioned a shipping container made into a 2 bedroom unit that could sleep a family of 5 to show the community an option for affordable housing. The container house was displayed out Honolulu Hale and was displayed at many churches. Preschool children at the Children's Center drew pictures of the container home and dictated their stories. Their stories showed compassion and understanding of the need for housing options for families. I will bring their pictures and stories to share with you.

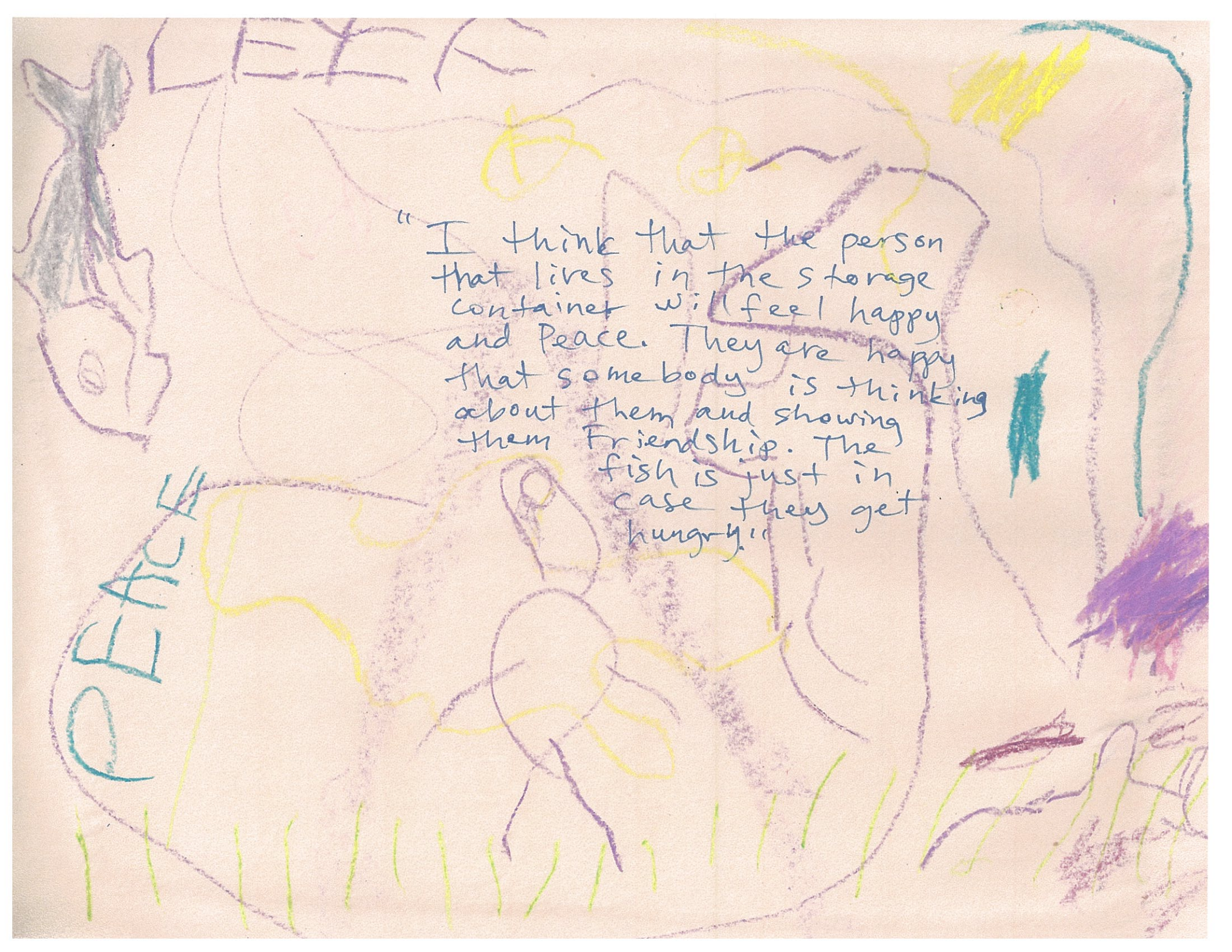
There is wide support for accessory dwelling units in Honolulu. A poll by Honolulu Star Advertiser on Saturday, February 7, 2015 showed 79% of people support retrofitting shipping containers to be used for affordable housing.

I urge your support for bills 20 and 21.



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that lives in the storage
container will feel happy
and Peace. They are happy
that some body is thinking
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